

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Edgewood Road Railroad Overpass Inventory Number: HA-1945
Address: Edgewood Road at Northeast Corridor Line City: Edgewood Zip Code: 21040
County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Edgewood, MD
Owner: National Railroad Passenger Corporation Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 139 Tax Map Number: 69 Tax Account ID Number: 1-074059
Project: Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment Agency: Maryland Transit Administration
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Phase I Architectural Resources Survey-Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The bridge, probably erected in 1933 when Edgewood Road was rerouted to avoid a grade crossing at the Edgewood Station, is a typical concrete box girder bridge of its type with associated abutments. It lacks engineering or design significance. The bridge is not recommended eligible under any of the four National Register criteria.

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Date Prepared: 4/18/02

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

07/15/02
Date

8/9/02
Date

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1945

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Edgewood Road Railroad Overpass

2. Location

street & number Edgewood Road at northeast corridor rail line

☐ not for publication

city, town Edgewood

☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Harford

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☐ private
☐ both
Public Acquisition
☐ in process
☐ being considered
☐ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress
Accessible
☒ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military
☐ museum
☐ park
☐ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☒ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK)

street & number 400 N. Capital Street, NW

telephone no.:

city, town Washington

state and zip code D.C. 20001

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber 1081

street & number 40 South Main Street

folio 40

city, town Bel Air

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered

☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This concrete box girder bridge carries the Northeast Corridor railroad line over Route 755 (Edgewood Road) adjacent to the Edgewood Railroad Station. The bridge, which displays little decoration, is typical of small, functional railroad bridges constructed in the pre-World War II period.

The roadway is depressed beneath the railroad and the bridge is anchored to the adjacent land slope by striated concrete abutments. Concrete steps extend along the sides of these abutments and provide access to the track level at the Edgewood Station. Sidewalks extend on either side beneath the bridge. These sidewalks have foundations whose striations match those of the abutments. The sidewalks are bounded by metal pipes railings terminated in square concrete posts topped by square slab capstones.

The lower section of the north sidewall of the bridge is formed from smooth-faced concrete. A metal sign indicating that one is entering the Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Grounds is placed in the middle of this slab. These slabs are topped with solid balustrades divided into three panels. Inward curving chain link fences rise from the tops of the balustrades.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1933

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This bridge was probably constructed in 1933 when Edgewood Road was rerouted to avoid the grade crossing in the vicinity of the Edgewood Station (Smart 1996). The rerouting was undertaken to improve safety and to allow more efficient passage to and from the Edgewood Arsenal located immediately to the south.

The bridge is a typical utilitarian bridge structure of its period. It is not technologically innovative nor is it a notable example of a bridge type. Therefore, it is recommended not eligible for the National Register.

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

state PA

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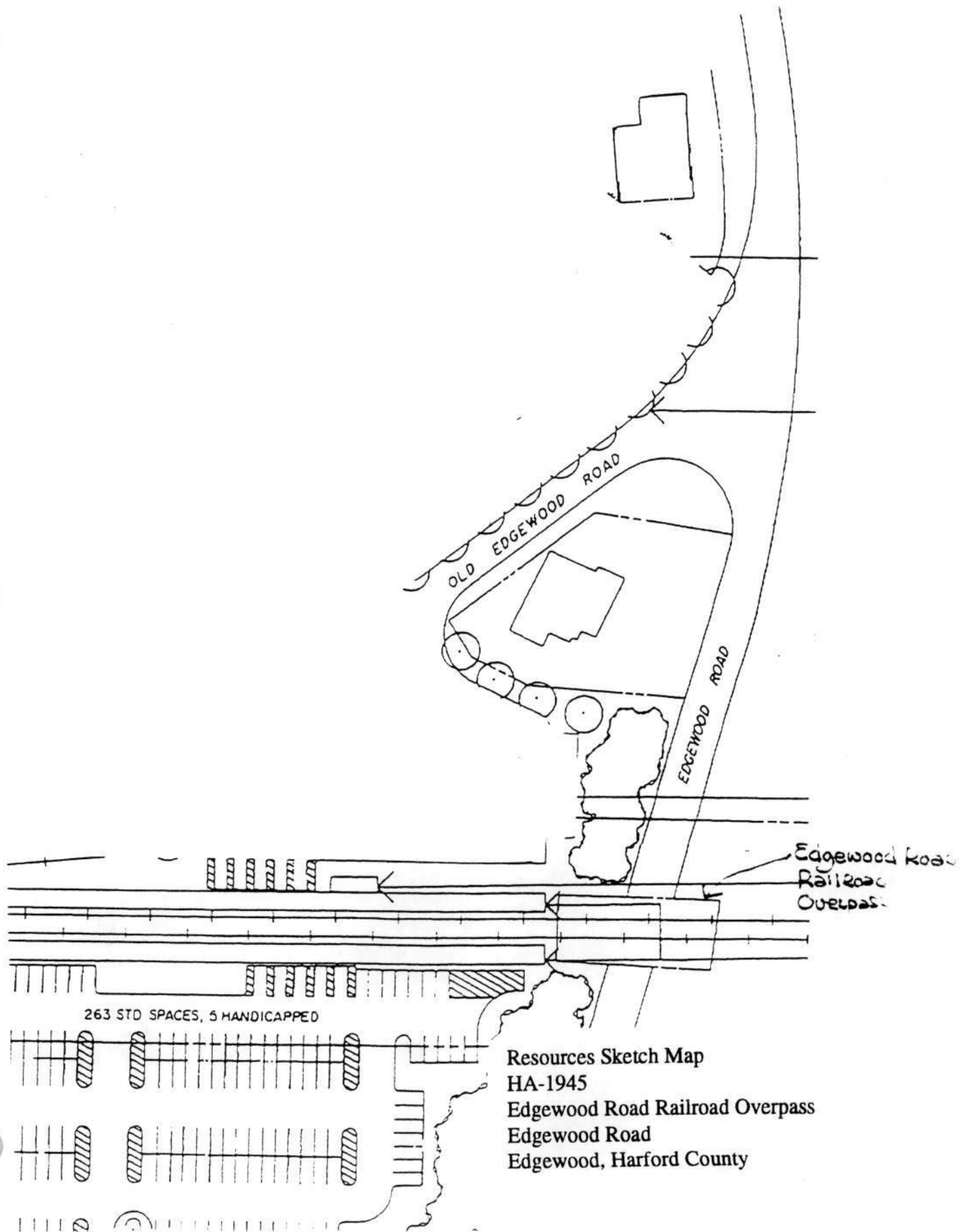
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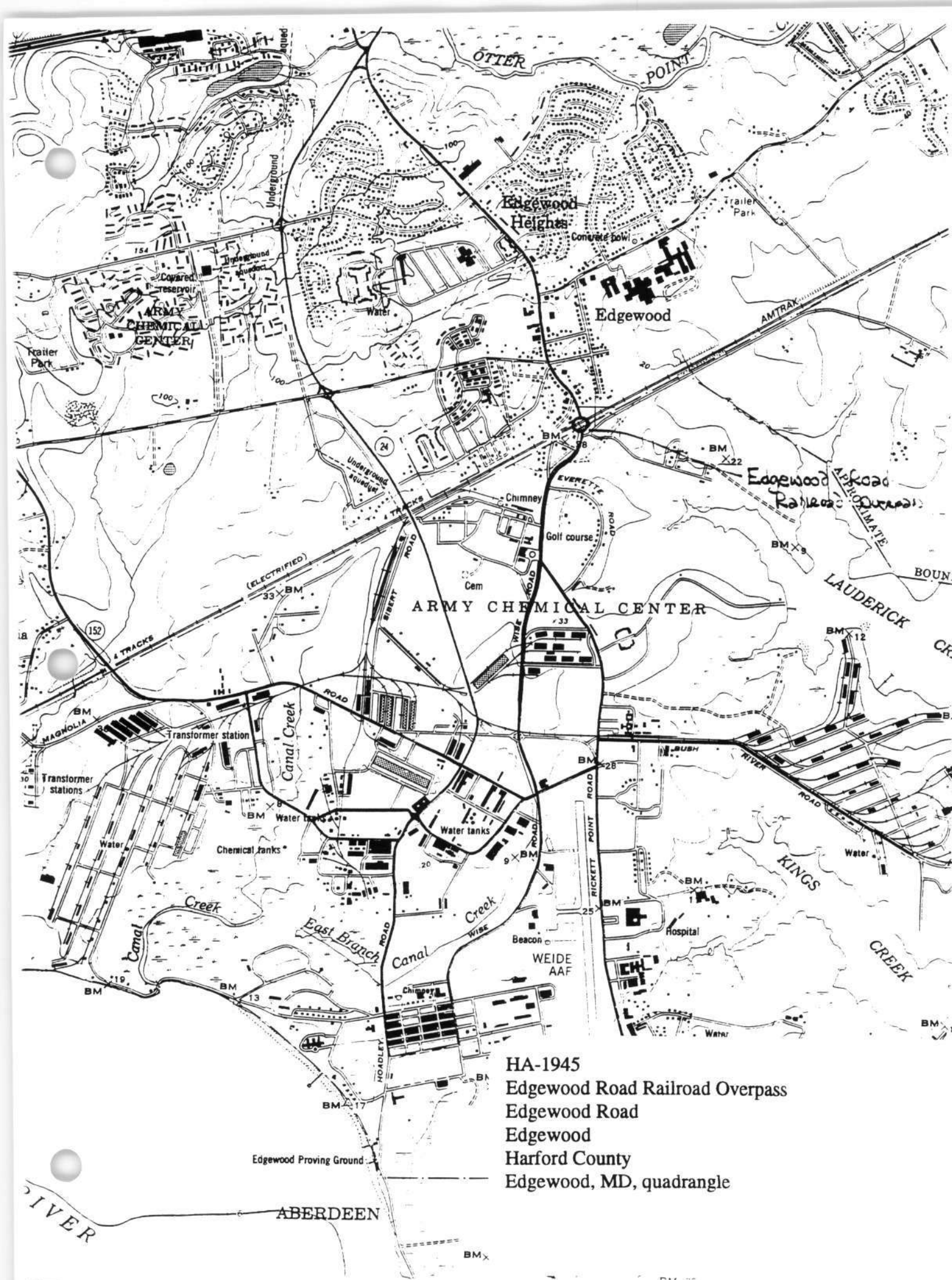
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Name Edgewood Road Railroad
Overpass

County Harford

A typical small railroad bridge of its period, the bridge was installed in 1933 when Edgewood Road was rerouted to avoid the grade cross located at the Edgewood Station.







UNITED STATES ARMY
ANCHOR PAVING BRIDGE
PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

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E 3rd Wood Road Railroad Overpass
Harford County, Maryland

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August 1996

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North side of overpass. View toward south

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Edgewood Road Railroad Overpass

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South side of overpass. View toward North

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